

BE SEEIN' YA!



There'll be a hot time in Berlin  
When St. Joe GI's go march-  
ing in!

## Ensign H.J. Davey Sails for Action

Los Angeles, Calif.  
October 14, 1944

Dear Editor,

Two weeks ago tonight I checked in at the Officer's Club here at the Biltmore, and upon scanning the register found that Pat Dell, one of my many friends from Tiffin, Ohio, was here. I immediately located him, and we had a long talk about St. Joe. Pat is now an Ensign in the Navy Engineers Corps.

Paul Birkmeier and I are sailing on the same ship. We are enroute at present to our port of embarkation. Because of Paul's excellent handling of enlisted men, he was chosen by our boat group commander to take the draft of 132 men to the port.

I met Jack Welch out here one week end and was supposed to see him again the night before he left. But I had night operations. The other Welch, Mike, is in England, Staff Sergeant on a B-17 as tail gunner. He is due for a leave soon. It's too bad we can't all get leave together—there I go, trying to get egg in my beer!

Tell Fathers Otte, Fehrenbacher, Dirksen and all the others in the accounting department to keep chairs in their classes for me in 1945. I'll be back, because the bad penny always turns up.

When you pray for St. Joe men, remember me.

Sincerely,

Ens. H. J. Davey, III

# CONTACT

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## Winning Score Bowls Over Others At Ft. Wayne Meet

Students at St. Joseph's in the '20's and '30's remember well how the Rev. Christian Staab, C.P.P.S., explained to them the laws of gravity and the other wonders of the physical world. Those alumni of the Fort Wayne district who chanced to be present at the annual get-together, October 15, at Most Precious Blood Parish recreation hall, saw that same Father Staab demonstrate in no uncertain terms the law of an irresistible force (a bowling ball) meeting what are sometimes immovable objects—the tenpins.

With a sizzling 237 score in his second game, Father Staab ran away with first honors of the bowling tournament, which this year replaced the golf classic. Mr. Ed Ernst carried off second honors, just one pin ahead of Father William Faber; both had the enviable averages of 171.

### Others Win Prizes

The remaining prize winners were Father Ed McCarthy (Who gave him that 43-pin handicap?) Hank Berghoff, Jerry Cook, Msgr. D. L. Monahan, Father Joe Henes and Father Ed Hession. Father Gilbert Wirtz took time out from his coaching assignments at Central Catholic long enough to show the boys he still knows "how to throw a caddy down the alley."

Host of the occasion was the Rev. Aloys H. Dirksen, C.P.P.S., former president of St. Joseph's, now pastor of Most Precious Blood Church. Fortunately for the other contestants, Father Dirksen dropped out of the tournament after his first game "because of a sore thumb."

After a sufficiency of splattering the maples, the alumni dispersed to the kitchen, where Ed Ernst, chef as well as bowler, fried some delicious Dagwood sandwiches, and the Committee on Internal Satisfaction rounded up enough of Bob Allgeier's groceries to feed an army.

Most of the group enjoyed cards; others (this will fleece you) took advantage of the abundance of wool to sit around and spin yarn.

## Break In Health Robs Joe Crance Of Wings

A few weeks before he was to receive his wings and a commission, Joe Crance had to abandon training because of ill health. That was last May. Still in the Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver when he wrote, Oct. 9, he expected a disability discharge with the probability of more rest in the Veterans' Hospital at Tucson, Arizona.

"My disappointment at not receiving my commission," writes Joe, "was greatly overshadowed by my father's unexpected death at the same time. Your prayers will be greatly appreciated."

## FORD IN NAVY

Eager to get into the service, Jack Ford chose the Army Air Corps after his sophomore year. That was two years ago. Defective eyes kept him on the ground; yet he did not get his release until late this past spring. Then he joined the Navy, which has been keeping him in signalman's school since the first of July.

"I can't truthfully say that I like it, but I would not be any place else. I still try to squeeze in an hour or so once in a while on a correspondence course. Believe me, I'll get that degree," are some of the jottings from his letter of July 20.

## Seemuth Wounded In France

TIFFIN, Ohio, Nov. 3.—Pvt. Jack R. Seemuth was seriously wounded in action in France October 8, Mrs. Helen Mae Seemuth, his wife, learned from the War Department. Private Seemuth, serving with Paton's Third Army, is hospitalized.

## Mr. John Lemper With Company For Forty Years

Forty years with the same company is the record of Mr. John H. Lemper of 230 Mohawk Ave., Norwood, Pennsylvania. That company is the Pennsylvania Railroad, and Mr. Lemper has the position of accountant in the valuation department at Philadelphia.

A graduate with the class of 1902, Mr. Lemper entered the service of the Pennsylvania three years later. "If I live four more years," he writes, "I expect to be on the pension list."

Married, he is the father of five children, "all of whom have flown away. The oldest son is one of the chief inspectors of engineering materials for the Philadelphia navy yard."

## Toth Goes to Loyola Dental

From Camp Grant to Loyola University School of Dentistry, on June 20, S/Sgt. Joseph Toth made his happy transfer. Already in anticipation of this move, he wrote for names of officers of the Cook County Alumni. "I would like to get around and meet some more St. Joe men," he wrote.

## Basketball Star Weds Hometown Girl

In St. Joseph's Church of their home town, Jasper, Indiana, Cpl. Maurice A. Gutgsell, '42, and Miss Louise Fritch were married October 23. Ensign Bernard Hoffmann, U.S.N.R., was an usher.

Receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Education, Maurie played varsity basketball and baseball for four years. He is stationed at Yuma, Arizona.

## HAS NEW FAN



Cpl. Maurie Gutgsell



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AS A PATRIOTIC citizen I cast my ballot this election-day morning before turning to the mail bag to see what news there was for this issue of **CONTACT**. Jim Heckmann, '34, gives me a cue for another of those "please, please, **PLEASE**" editorials.

Jim writes: "I think **CONTACT** is a wonderful little paper, and I offer my heartiest congratulations to Father Ley, Eddie Fischer (an old classmate of mine at St. Joe), and to the staff who so capably edit it."

That quotation needs interpretation. **CONTACT**, unfortunately, is wonderfully little. Eddie (Lieutenant) Fischer has been in the Army for two years and now has an APO address. There never was a staff on the campus.

Two things remain to be said. Father wears his trousers out but not-withstanding! Each one of you men is a member of the staff of the alumni publication.

A few responded well to the suggestion mailed along with the notice that dues and subscriptions were again in order; they sent information about themselves and their families. All of this is already in type and will appear either this month or next.

But there are months and years in the future when news will be needed to overcome the littleness of the paper, which should be twice its present size. Only the staff members can do this.

Whether you kept off the grass today because it was Greene and Dewey, or whether you were Graucho Marx without the mustache, in future, as a law abiding listener, send in every scrap of news about yourself or about any other alumnus in your locality.

## Bears' Victory Hits Spot

Dear Editor,

After waiting impatiently for someone to write informing me of the result of the Bears-All-Star game, my prayer was answered in the form of your letter which brought the news that hit the spot. Night before last I saw a sport short which featured the game between the Bears and Giants; in the contest Sid Luckman set all kinds of records.

News of late has been very good except for China. Bill Kozielski had better get things moving.

Sincerely,

Sgt. J. E. Lynch

## Kansas Dust Distributor Now French Mud Merchant

Dear Editor,

As you have probably noticed from the address, the dust disturbers of the 114th have shifted their activities from Kansas and have become mud merchants of France. And the French do have a fine quality of mud, in goodly quantity—no doubt due to the fact that the fog gets so thick.

At times it would take three blocking backs and a couple of tackles to crack a hole in French fog. My next book will be entitled, "The Great Wet Run," or "Sailing Through France in a Pup Tent."

If you ever see Doctor Frank, please tell him that his French is coming in very handy. Of course the natives spit it out like machine-gun bullets, but I can snatch enough words out of the ozone to know what they are talking about. My French occasionally gets a little mixed up with German, which is greeted with raised eyebrows. Frenchmen seem to have very mobile eyebrows.

I don't imagine the Puma has emerged from his lair to stalk the gridiron again, has he? We play a little football occasionally here. Today we played another company, but the game was called in the third quarter because we were creating too many casualties without benefit of the Purple Heart. The bitter part of it was that we were winning.

The light whereby I am writing comes through the courtesy of a captured German candle, labeled "von guter handgezogener Qualitaet, Handelsmark, Koeln." As it hasn't blown up yet, I guess it isn't a stick of dynamite dipped in wax.

As an added treat at chow tonight we had French wine recaptured from the Germans. Not bad, either. The French hereabout drink cider, which tastes like a first degree relative to vinegar. They claim the Germans made off with all their wine, which is probably true, as any occupying army could make off with a lot in four years.

Well, the old "handgezogener" is burning down a bit low; for this time methinks I'd best short-circuit the lines of communication and say au revoir.

A Former Puma,

Pfc. Len Herriges

## New Submarine Like Pooch

You have kept track of me up to the last move; this will let you know where I may be reached now.

I wouldn't have room to tell you how much I like the Submarine Service. We certainly have one swell bunch of fellows aboard. I was rather fortunate in being able to help put a new boat in commission; it's like growing up with a pooch.

A few months ago I met Ed Bandjough in Boston. He's been married to a Southern gal for some time and has been sent out to the Pacific as a communications officer. That's what I am here besides being plotting officer of our attack team.

I was very sorry to hear about Father Paul's death. He will be missed by many a former SJC student. Give my best to all the pros and to any of the old gang who turn up. Remember me in your prayers.

Sincerely,

Lieut. (jg) James V. Lavelle

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## Gruber Wears Glider Wings

As you have not heard from me for some time, I shall bring you up to date with a very short summary. Having arrived overseas, I resumed training for the big show which took place June sixth.

I was proud to be able to take part in the invasion. Arriving in France hours before the beach landings, I had a fair landing and encountered little opposition at the beginning. Having followed the drive into France for some time I was sent back to England for a seven-day leave, which I spent in Scotland.

What remains is contained in the fact that I am writing this letter from Holland. I now very proudly wear my Glider Wings, and also, as a result of my days in France, I wear the Combat Infantry Badge and the presidential citation which was awarded our unit on D-Day.

Sincerely,

Sgt. Harold L. Gruber

## Sgt. Gohmann, In Pacific, Finds Engineers On Job

Dear Editor,

I want you to know that I received copies of **Stuff** and **CONTACT** last year and thoroughly enjoyed every one of them. It is good to know something of what is going on back at the old campus and what so many of the fellows are doing.

As for myself, I have been in the army for about two years, most of the last year being spent in the Central Pacific. I spent seven months on the island of Oahu of the Hawaiians. I am now in the Marianas.

Things were quite rough here at first, but now they run along smoothly on a seven day work week. Actually, the island has undergone a complete change in the past few months, and the Engineers (plug) have done a remarkable job. My particular job is personnel work and personnel classification.

I feel very fortunate that there is a Catholic chaplain assigned to my battalion. Thru his efforts we now have a very fine little chapel, the first on the island to have the Blessed Sacrament reserved in it since the siege.

The Padre, who is a Spanish missionary, had a parish here for the natives for fourteen years. His church was wrecked during the invasion. The American troops have donated over \$4,000 toward helping him rebuild it.

I do want you to know that I often think of the good old days at St. Joseph's, the swell fellows I met there, and the many things that comprise life in a small college. Though I doubt that I'll ever get back to school, I'll surely visit St. Joseph's the first chance I get.

Sincerely,

Sgt. Albert J. Gohmann

## Jerry Weidner Marries

Dear Editor,

On May sixth of this year I was married to Miss Grace Anglewitz of Winona, Minnesota. The wedding took place in her home town. We are now living in Chicago, where I am employed in a war plant. Punctured ear drums kept me out of the service.

Sincerely yours,

H. Jerome Weidner

2215 Sheffield Avenue

Chicago, Illinois



# Recognize St. Joseph's As G I College For War Vets

The approval of St. Joseph's of Indiana as a school for the education of war veterans under the G I Bill of Rights was made known recently in a letter to the Rev. Henry A. Lucks, President of St. Joseph's College.

An extract from the letter is as follows: "Accrediting subcommittee on the G I Advisory Committee approved your institution on Monday, September 25, 1944, and is recommending it to General Frank T. Hines for the training of veterans under the provisions of the G I Bill." (Clement T. Malan, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.)

**Fill Questionnaire**  
Before receiving this official approval a catalog and statement on St. Joseph's of Indiana had been submitted to the accrediting subcommittee, and a questionnaire concerning accreditation, faculty, curricula, accommodations, enrollment, health services, etc., was filled out and returned to them.

Members of this subcommittee numbered among themselves representatives of such prominent schools as Indiana University, Wabash University, and the University of Notre Dame.

**Print Booklet**  
In keeping with its policy to render as much aid as possible to returning veterans, the state of Indiana will issue a booklet in which all colleges which have been approved will be listed. St. Joseph's of Indiana will be among them. This booklet will also explain exactly what a veteran must do to obtain the benefits of further education under the G I Bill.

For any of its alumni or others who seek information, St. Joseph's of Indiana will be glad to furnish what data it can upon request.

## Mother Makes Scrapbook

Mrs. Nellie H. Exely, mother of William M., who spent the year 1935-'36 at St. Joe and is now in basic training at Ft. McClellan, asks for the names and addresses of all chaplains on leave from the college for her scrapbook of the war. She will appreciate hearing from any of the boys and will place the cover (envelope) in her scrapbook. Address: 109 North 44th St., Louisville 12, Ky.

## OUTFIT 'HOT'

While out on thirty-day maneuvers, Pfc. Robert C. De Shon wrote from Mississippi. He's in Co. E, 271st Inf., APO 417, Camp Shelby. "They tell us our outfit is 'hot,' but I'm beginning to wonder just how long they will keep us here before giving us a chance to show our stuff," states Bob.

He reports that Carl Caston, who was injured in Italy several months ago, has been invalided from there to the States and as yet is "not too good." Bob also met Ensign Charlie Browning after Mass one Sunday morning down in New Orleans.

If Ensign Johnny Dunn would reveal his location since he left N. D., he would make his former buddy Bob very happy. Ensign Dunn and others would also make it possible for the mailing crew at St. Joe to send the publications to them.

## Capt. Wm. Kozielski Comments on China

Observations of Capt. William S. Kozielski on conditions in China, where he is stationed, appear in a letter from him dated Sept. 6.

Prices here are again on the upswing. Our present rate is 230 to 1, and it is still soaring. The precious metal is selling for \$175 an ounce. Just think what this country is in for if a remedy isn't provided soon.

Here's a laugh. A quart of Old Grand Dad sells for \$98 in American money. It has been for sale for the past year and I have no fear that anyone will buy it.

## Cropley Back In States

Dear Editor,

Four of my sixteen months in the South Pacific completed, I have been returned to the States for a rest. I am now instructor here and wondering what my old classmates are doing. Here's the buck for CONTACT so that I can find out. Also my alumni dues.

Regards to Father Roof and the rest.

Sincerely,

Capt. R. B. Cropley,  
USMC

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Naval Air Station  
Jacksonville, Florida

## Joseph Nienberg Has Warmest Spot For Collegeville

His teaching duties in the Miller City, Ohio High School of themselves don't keep Joseph A. Nienberg, '35, completely occupied. But these, with the job of athletic director added, plus those of being scout master and secretary-treasurer of the local Firemen's Unit in his home town, Glandorf, "are too many duties for one man and not quite enough for two."

Joe has been teaching for the past six years; he graduated from De Sales College, Toledo, after leaving St. Joe.

"So far I have found it impossible to attend an alumni celebration. However, I have kept up with St. Joe's activities, and can truthfully say that the warmest spot in my heart still nurtures the dreams of my days at Collegeville.

## ARMY STAR TOO



Pfc. Art Gilpin

Home on his first furlough since he entered the service in the late fall of 1941, Pfc. Art Gilpin returned to the campus for a visit October 11. Art left the States in March, 1942; he served in the Aleutians for thirty months. He wears the overseas stripe, the ribbon for participation in the Pacific theatre, a combat star and the good-conduct ribbon.

## Bob Sneider, '37, Overseas

Cpl. Robert Sneider, '37, of 6340 S. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago, is overseas.

## James F. Heckmann, Captain, Tells Of Army Life In Europe

Promoted to the rank of Captain this past August 12, James F. Heckmann, '34, has been overseas for twenty-seven months. Five of these were spent in England; then he sailed for North Africa. Since then he has been in the front lines all of the time except when he was recuperating from a wound.

Jim has lost two tanks—one by anti-tank fire, the other in a minefield. The company he now commands was the first American unit to enter Bizerta. He supported the 36th Division in the invasion of Salerno and all the way up to Mignano. Wounded three days after the landings at Anzio, he returned to his unit four months later in time for the big push on Rome.

## Rome Looms As Dream City

Operations since then Jim is not permitted to reveal. But he has much to say about the "dream city," Rome and the au-

diences which the Pope holds each day at noon for the allied soldiers, "addressing the French and the Americans in their native tongues and speaking both languages fluently."

Wearing the Purple Heart for being wounded, Jim has also received the Bronze Star "for that deal on the Anzio beachhead." Of the latter he says, "I don't think I deserve it, since I did nothing more than any other officer would have done under the same circumstances."

In the same batallion with Jim is S/Sgt. Sylvester Gross, of the class of 1936. The two not only hold many bull sessions on their experiences at St. Joe, but they wish to contact any other alumni who are in Italy.



## Precious Blood Society Marks Arrival In U. S.

In an impressive, solemn celebration of the 100th anniversary of the coming of the Society of the Most Precious Blood to the United States, the Apostolic Delegate, the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, pontificated at a solemn High Mass Oct. 11 at St. Charles Major Seminary, Carthage, Ohio, where five other Archbishops, sixteen Bishops, and over 300 priests gathered for the observance. Ten members of the faculty of St. Joseph's of Indiana, including the Very Rev. Henry A. Lucks, C.P.P.S., President of St. Joseph's College, who acted as toastmaster at the centenary banquet, attended.

Of the many things that might be said about this celebration, this is significant, the blessing of the Holy Father given to the Precious Blood Society itself and to all its friends and benefactors. His Excellency, Archbishop Cicognani, presents this communication:

Very Reverend and dear Father Provincial,

I am indeed pleased to inform you that on this historic occasion of the first centenary of the coming of the Fathers of the Precious Blood to the United States, our Most Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, has very graciously deigned to impart to you, and to all the other superiors and members of your Community his special Apostolic Benediction.

It is the wish of His Holiness that this blessing be shared in by all the friends and benefactors of the Congregation of the Most Precious Blood.

Come In 1844

The American pioneers of the Precious Blood Fathers arrived in Cincinnati on Jan. 1, 1844, headed by the Rev. Francis de Sales Brunner, C.P.P.S., who had established a Precious Blood Community in Switzerland several years before. Accompanied by seven other Fathers, he built a monastery at the Church of St. Alphonse, Peru near Norwalk, Ohio. A convent was erected shortly afterward in New Riegel for a group of Precious Blood Sisters.

### Toby at Saint Meinrad's

At St. Meinrad's Seminary, Tobias Lochtefeld is continuing studies for the priesthood for the diocese of Superior, Wisconsin. Arthur Hartman is also at St. Meinrad's, preparing for the diocese of Louisville.

## Schultheis Tells of Audience in Vatican

One G. I. Puma Joe who had an audience with the Holy Father was Pvt. August T. Schultheis. His letter is dated Sunny Italy, July 10.

It was the eve of the Feast of SS. Petre and Paul. The red carpet was being laid over the marble steps of the high altar of St. Peter's. As it was getting late, I took a hurried glance around and rushed to the doorway at the end of the semicircular colonnade. There the group was waiting before the gigantic doors.

Soon the guards opened the doors, allowing the group to move through the long corridor and up the steps toward the room where the Pope would speak. The columns on the sides of these steps and the murals on the walls of the room we entered fascinated me. These paintings depict events in the lives of early Saints and Popes.

Wearing their blue uniforms of sixteenth century design, the Swiss guard entered and mounted the platform. The audience hushed as the Pope entered, paused briefly by his gold chair, then in a few sentences stated that through prayer alone could this war end. After giving us his blessing he retired to his apartment.

Fifteen hundred men and women of allied nations were in a reflective mood as they left the chamber. As I left Rome at sunset, I could hear the bells chiming. Their clear notes rang out for an hour, for it was the eve of the feast of the Patrons of Rome.

## A. J. Glueckert, Sr., Guides New Company

Formerly of the Woodman Lumber and Supply Co., of Hammond, Mr. Albert J. Glueckert, Sr., '13, has taken over the management of the Washington Lumber and Coal Company of East Chicago, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Glueckert live at 3823 Ivy Street, East Chicago.

Their son, Albert J. Jr., after serving seven months in the South Pacific, is now stationed at San Diego, California on the USS Hunter Liggett.

Another son, Lieut. William, has been in the New Guinea area as a pilot of a B-24 liberator bomber. For his 300 hours of combat duty he has received the air medal with oak leaf and has been cited for meritorious achievement from April 12 to June 8.

Lieut. Glueckert expects a leave and return to the United States about January. Both boys are alumni of St. Joseph's.



Winning March Of Homecoming Game

## Six-man Football Has Climactic End

Six-man football in St. Joseph's Academy—the major sport activity on the campus since the Bears were here in August and early September—came to a climactic season end October 25 in a night game with Attica.

Lost by a score of 26-14, the game itself was not the climax. That followed in a down-town restaurant, kept open after regular hours at the request of Charlie Fromer, '24. Charlie treated the squad to a steak dinner that was the last word in excellence as his unassuming welcome was the last word in hospitality.

### Steaks Still Talked About

Leave it to a hungry football player after a game to decide. Those steaks, and the celery hearts and vegetables and candied sweet potatoes, topped with pie a la mode, are talked about yet, and Charlie is the biggest man in town.

In the Kankakee Valley League the Puma Cubs settled for second honors. Of five conference games they won three and lost two, winning also four of the seven games played in all.

The season over, basketball practice began immediately. Nineteen games are on the schedule for the hardwood sport.

### Robert Newland Killed

S/Sgt. Robert Newland, of 509 East Hefrom St., Washington, Indiana, has been reported killed in the Mediterranean area. He entered St. Joseph's in September, 1942, registering for accounting. Mrs. Mary A. Newland, his mother, lives at the address given.

## Supervisor Froning Once Climbed Tower

Dear Editor,

The enclosed check should bring me up to date again. Thanks very much. I really enjoy Stuff and CONTACT. Kind personal regards to Father John Baechle and Brother Cletus. If they should not remember me, here's a little background.

I was a trapper of no mean ability, a slack wire enthusiast, and I climbed the water tower and always studied my lessons, hating algebra, loving plane geometry, and receiving honorable mention in Latin one year.

I was also a side kick of Roman Anderson, Hugo Uhrich, and John Kraus. And I still have a soft spot in my heart for good old St. Joe. God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Clem Froning, '27

R. R. 1

Chicksaw, Ohio

P.S.—Enclosed is a picture of the New Idea's direct mail department, Coldwater, Ohio, the spot where I work as supervisor. I have just completed my sixteenth year with New Idea, Inc.

## G. Richard Schreiber Teaches At Chicago

Beginning his second year at Chicago University, G. Richard Schreiber, '43, former editor of Stuff, is offering a course, English 282A, in creative writing. His classes are conducted in the down-town college building at 18 S. Michigan Avenue. He continues his position as director of publications.

Extension magazine is now running a series of articles which Dick has written—the product of his travel-study during the summer through the South and Southwest. He also has a contract with Progress Guide, an article having appeared in the October issue. Another article, "All in One Square," will appear in January.